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And then there were 7

Presidential Search Committee narrows candidate pool to semifinalists



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Members of the Presidential Search Committee interviewed 16 of the candidates earlier this week in Minneapolis. Seven of them were chosen to visit UND for the next round of interviews.

SEAN CLEARY
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

Seven semifinalists have been selected to advance to the next round of interviews to become the next president of UND. Earlier this week, the UND Presidential Search Committee interviewed 16 candidates. The interviews took place over the course of Monday and Tuesday in the Twin Cities. The location was chosen to make the trip more

convenient for the candidates. This group of candidates was selected by the committee from an original group of applicants. Following the interviews this week, the list had been narrowed to the following seven candidates:

- Daniel L. Clay, Dean, College of Education at University of Missouri.
- Mark R. Kennedy, director of Graduate School of Political

Management at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; and former congressman (2001-07).

- Nagi G. Naganathan, dean, College of Engineering and Interim President (2014-15) at University of Toledo, Ohio.
- Dr. Jay Noren, associate dean, College of Medicine at University of Illinois in Chicago and former president at Wayne State University.

“I was highly impressed with the level of experience that these individuals brought to our search and the specific qualifications each one has to meet the needs of our students and build our campus legacy into the future.”

Hesham El-Rewini
search committee co-chairman

- Morgan R. Olsen, executive vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer at Arizona State University.
- Mark Rudin, vice president for research and economic development at Boise State University, Idaho.
- Steven Shirley, president of Minot State University.

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Graphic team recommends firm to design new UND logo

STAFF REPORT
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

UND’s Graphic Identity RFP Evaluation and Recommendation Team has recommended SME Inc. to interim President Ed Schafer to be selected to design the Fighting Hawks Logo, according to UND spokesman Peter Johnson. The firm was selected Tuesday after the team heard oral presentations from the three firms competing to design the Fighting Hawks logo Tuesday morning. Like most of the team’s meetings so far, the presentations took place in executive session and were not open to the public. The three finalists that presented at Tuesday’s meetings were Phoenix Design Works, SME Inc. and Summit Athletics Media, which are from New Jersey, New York and North Carolina respectively. The team will present its recommendation to Schafer, who will make the final decision on whether or not to hire the firm to design the logo. The contract is expected to issued by Feb. 16.

Schafer addresses budget shortfall

JOURNEY GONTJES
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

In a video sent to the UND campus Tuesday, Interim President Ed Schafer updated the campus on the university’s plans to start working on the new budget plans for UND. Schafer said he is excited to come back to his alma mater and start helping the university get back on its feet once again. “The high quality faculty, hardworking students, and the dedicated staff and administration has led me to believe in the quality and excellence of this institution,” Schafer said in the video. The main plan is for everybody to work together to tackle the budget problem and eventually reshape the university. “Now that we will face some challenges, I believe this university is well positioned to attack those challenges, for all of us to roll up our sleeves so that we

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interim president

can work together to reshape our budget and reshape our university so it will be stronger in the years to come,” Schafer said. Schafer expressed a desire for all people on campus to be represented during the discussion regarding the budget. Schafer



Screenshot from UND video sent to students

UND Interim President Ed Schafer addressed the current budget shortfall in a video sent to the UND community on Tuesday. said his ultimate goal is to come out of his interim presidency with a budget plan that will help build a stronger university in the long run. “Now that we will face some challenges, I believe this university is well positioned to attack

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Flashback friday: UND Space Studies

Space studies funds promising

Good news drifted into the UND space studies department this week. They have received \$900,000 in federal funding from NASA and outside contributions to promote education in space studies throughout the state. The money's arrival is timely, with increasing technological advancement and interest in the unknown constantly being prioritized. With the encouragement from NASA there is now the chance for a UND department to make its mark. The flight programs and EERC have dominated the list of top departments. The opportunities for space studies are "as far as the eye can see" and beyond with the influx of new money.

A Dakota Student editorial from this week in 1991 highlights funding received by the UND space studies department. Recently, the space studies department has been hosting the Space Studies Colloquium Series to highlight the work going on at UND. Visit <http://www.space.edu/> for more info.

Drop the puck on cancer

Staff Report
The Dakota Student

Four UND fraternities will face off Saturday, February 6 at the Fido Purpur Arena in a charity hockey tournament to benefit the American Brain Tumor Association. The first puck drops at 3 p.m. with Sigma Alpha Epsilon facing Phi Delta Theta. At 5 p.m. Sigma Nu will take on Delta Upsilon. The two winners will

meet for a championship game at 7 p.m., and the losers will play for third place at 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 at the door, and pre-sale tickets are available at <https://t.co/dYSBG91ilq> for \$5 until 6 p.m. Friday. T-shirts are \$20 and will be available at the event or at <https://t.co/YMpiCR7Ein>. All ticket and T-shirt proceeds will go to the ABTA, which has been committed to funding brain cancer research since 1973.

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DEADLINE Scholarly Forum Abstract Deadline-Deadline for graduate students to submit their abstracts.

THEATER Empire Theatre Company presents "Falsettos" 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Empire Arts Center. Runs through Feb. 15. Tickets are \$15 for students/military and \$20 for adults.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015

EVENT Feast of Nations 6 to 9:40 p.m. at the Alerus Center. Multicultural event featuring performances, cultural displays and food.

RECITAL Cellist William Comita performs "Suites for Unaccompanied Cello" 4 to 6 p.m. at the Hughes Fine Arts Center, room 202.

ART UND Professor Kim Fink present "Changing Nature" 5-7 p.m. at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015

RECITAL UND Voice Graduate Recital 8- 10 p.m. at the Hughes Fine Arts Center, room 202.

PARTY Super Bowl Party at the Wilkerson Dining Center 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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Olorun-Asa provides poetry to Grand Forks

JOURNEY GONTJES
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

UND students and Grand Forks residents seeking some rest and relaxation can find it downtown Grand Forks at Olorun-Asa.

Olorun-Asa is a local company where people can go to relax, for meditation, to be themselves and express themselves in any way they feel necessary. Their focuses include meditation, yoga, nutrition on an energetic level, energy healing and event planning.

The creator of Olorun-Asa is Spirit Star. The unique company name is derived from the names of two African gods. Olorun is the top sky god of peace, justice, foresight, victory and destiny. Asa is the father god of mercy, help, surviving the impossible and protection.

The concepts of energy and universal connectedness are some of the main beliefs of Olorun-Asa, and something that the company is very passionate about. It offers many services for people to find themselves and find their energy, such as mediation, energy healing services, yoga, and help with the concept of chakra, derived from Hinduism and Buddhism. Various sessions are offered as individual or group sessions starting Feb. 15.

One of the events that Olorun-Asa sponsors is called Spokenword. It is a live poetry event that is located at The Guild in downtown Grand Forks. Anyone can sign up to perform their music or poetry for \$2 and non-performers can come and enjoy for \$5. It is a family friendly event and all are welcome.

The Guild is an arts resource center, events center, and gallery. Various artists were hosted from around Grand Forks, some even from UND.

During the poetry event there was a wonderful range of performers who expressed themselves through their written words and songs. Hot tea, water and wine also were available for all.

"It is wonderful to be here with this energy. I created this event with the help of some beautiful people, the artists and the organizers, and I am blessed." Star said while hosting the poetry event.

The atmosphere was very calming. Everyone was very supportive of any one who chose to share what they had to say.

"This is a safe, loving environment," Star said. "Here, is where you connect."

Spokenword is open to all and hosted every second and fourth Saturday at 8 p.m. at The Guild. The Guild is located at 311 Demers Ave. in Grand Forks.

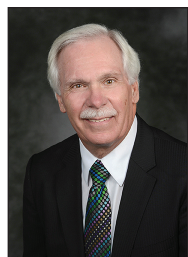
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those challenges, to roll up our sleeves so that we can work together to reshape our budget and reshape our university so it will be stronger in the years to come," Schafer said.



Schafer

Schafer also said the \$5 million deficit has been solved, so now the university is free to start working on finding a way to meet the budget cuts resulting from the governor's allotment.

The allotment is a 4.05 percent budget cut across all state agencies that was put in effect by Gov. Jack Dalrymple in order to address the current budget shortfall in North Dakota. The budget shortfall was caused in part by depressed commodity prices, which has led to lower than expected tax revenues.

The budget shortfall will also result in close to \$500 million dollars being withdrawn from the state's Budget Stabilization Fund to cover the rest of the funding gap, according to the AP.

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Ed Schafer
interim president

Schafer's goal is for everyone to work together so everyone can do this for the future of UND, and Schafer expressed confidence that this task will be completed, and he mentioned he has done the same thing only with the state of North Dakota.

"When we did that job we built a foundation that shaped North Dakota to 10 years later become the No. 1 state in the United States of America," Schafer said. "That leads me to believe that we can do that here at the university."

Schafer also mentioned in the video the nickname that he garnered during his time as governor: Mr. 95 Percent. He received this nickname because

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Cynthia Lindquist was an adjunct faculty member for the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Lindquist should be considered

NICK SALLEN
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

If you're going to accept one late applicant for an interview, then you must be fair to the other late applicant. Minot State President Steven Shirley got the call to go down to Bloomington for a round of interviews held by the presidential search committee, so why didn't Cynthia Lindquist, the president of Cankdeska Cikana Community College in Fort Totten, N.D., get an interview?

Every other viable applicant got the call to come down to Bloomington, Minn., and Lindquist's resume closely resembles other applicants. Lindquist compares quite nicely to Shirley, as both are UND alumni who've gone on to lead small universities in N.D.

Personally, I put a priority on candidates who have been students or faculty members of UND because they will be more in-tune with the needs of the university while coming in with a good understanding of UND culture. If you're like me and you heavily prioritize the UND experience, then Lindquist would be at the top of your list.

But if you prioritize presidential experience at large schools, Lindquist does not hold her own in that category. If you've heard of Cankdeska Cikana, you either live in Fort Totten, know one of the 250 students who attend the

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Nick Sallen
opinion editor

community college, got lost traveling in the Spirit Lake Reservation or you're a alumni.

Lindquist was surprised the presidential search committee judged how large enrollment was at each candidate's school. She thinks her gender and small school size ultimately cost her the opportunity to interview with the committee, as she's noticed rhetoric that is unbecoming of females in leadership roles and inclusiveness in general.

It seems to me the search committee either left Lindquist out because of her lack of leading a big school or it is continuing the trend of under representation of female and minority administrators.

Whenever a female falls short of achieving an administrative position, the phrase "glass ceiling" is often used. The reason I hate the phrase is because it's so attached to women's struggles to reach the top. Anyone who isn't

born into wealth will hit the glass ceiling eventually, as those born in the middle class are all but guaranteed to stay in the middle class. This makes sense when you think of investment returns.

When you invest your money, the hope is that over time your investment will give you greater returns. Those who can afford the biggest investment often get the biggest returns. So if your parents invested in you going to a private school and you know the wealthy people in your neighborhood, chances are high you will succeed just like your parents did.

While the glass ceiling is still a real problem in today's society, it's important to note the glass ceiling has gone up a few floors. Every decade since the 1960's has had an increase in diversity for chief administrators. It's only a matter of time before there's equal opportunity for anyone seeking an administrative position.

Change is slow, and I would advise caution to Lindquist on filing her lawsuit against the university. Lindquist should be given an interview, and I think UND would have a better group of finalists if they did so.

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DSVIEW

Thank you

Last weekend, the Dakota Student was awarded fourth place among four-year weekly newspapers at the Associated Collegiate Press' Best of the Midwest College Journalism Convention.

I would like to thank everyone on staff for their hard work in making this happen. Several students, as well as our advisers and support staff, put a lot of work into this paper in order for it to be published twice a week.

The award made me think about the ups and downs of the paper, as well as the potential for improvement in contributing to campus life here at UND.

My brief time as editor of the Dakota Student has provided some insight into the nature of the paper on campus, as well as the role it should play in shaping discourse in a university setting. A college newspaper primarily should, of course, serve as a way to keep students and other members of the community informed what is going on around campus, but there is more to a paper than that.

The Dakota Student has been published since 1888. In a time before the Internet and social media, the paper was able to provide the news to an area of Grand Forks that was relatively far away from downtown.

The continuation of the campus newspaper since the late 19th century puts it in a relatively unique place in campus. The paper provides a way to create an archive of the events happening around the university, city and state through the perspective of students.

Even more so than just providing the news, the Dakota Student provides an outlet for students to share their thoughts and opinions with the rest of the campus. In my mind, a student newspaper should provide a medium for communication at the university. It should play a role as a part of the institution in facilitating discussion about what matters to the students and other members of the community.

In some ways, this should be the role of any newspaper, regardless of the size and scope the community they serve. Obviously they function as a way to objectively inform the public about what's going on around them, but they also provide a way to exchange meaningful ideas about timely topics.

So as the spring semester starts to come into full swing, I would like to thank the staff here for the modest success we achieved, and I look forward to improving the paper in ways that help make the UND community be a better place to live and study.

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Poetry Review: ‘26’



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Anastacia Tolbert is a freelance poet, writer and performer.

KAITLYN DAHLE
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

When I first picked up “26” by Anastacia Tolbert, I flipped the chapbook open to the letter “V.” “26” stands for the 26 letters in the English alphabet and Tolbert has written a poem for each letter. Letter “V” is a poem that repeats one word 91 times and that word is: vagina.

With motifs such as feminism and female sexuality throughout the chapbook, it makes sense that this poem would be in this chapbook. But because I have the maturity of six year old, the poem “V” made me laugh out loud and led me to want to read more of this chapbook.

This may not be the best first impression because of my laughable immaturity, but along with the reading of letter “V,” the cover is enough to draw people in. It has a modern feel — simple with soft, neutral colors on the cover. The cover is mostly white with a pleasing texture. Her name is soft pink, the number two is a soft blue and six in a soft orange. It’s simple yet very appealing.

In the letter “V” poem, there was something strange that was initially off putting. Random letters seemed to be bolded in the poem that didn’t make sense to me at first. I thought it may have been the publisher’s mistake but upon closer inspection, I was wrong. For the letters bolded were V, A, G, I, N and A making a 92nd vagina in the poem — an interesting visual element of her poem.

Poems “S,” “Y” and “Z” had something that was lacking, but that lack — like the use of white space in a painting — made these poems. For example, in the poem “S,” Tolbert writes, “first, paint your/ lips artery red, second pucker them in the shape of _____” this blank is intentional — it makes the reader fill in the blank with whatever

shape seems the sexiest, which is what poem “S” is all about. “Y” and “Z” make good use of this “white space” as well making the reader fill in the blank by participating in the poem making process, it seems.

My favorite poem is letter “N.” It starts off with “namaste. in everything. but-” and she goes on to list all sorts of horrible people such as Nazis and pedophiles and even things like people who happen to like having sex in their cars during traffic.

She questions the readers hatred and exclusion of people in this poem, pointing out the reader’s hatred. Especially with the last line, “nope. not them.” meaning that we as the readers want peace (“namaste”) except to those we don’t approve of.

A couple of small critiques I have about this chapbook is the line in poem “F”: “your life/ is the script with the happy ending.” as well as this line in the poem “K,” “kissed a girl & you liked it/ before katy perry.” I felt that these were a bit cliché in comparison to the rest of her work.

With poems as wonderful and a thought provoking as poem “N,” I feel that these lines in these poems could have been worked on or changed to make it an even stronger body of work.

Tolbert has an interesting concept with beautiful poems that delve into the abstract, into the artistic and into topics like race, homosexuality, feminism and family that make “26” a good read for anyone who likes poetry that’s a little different than the norm.

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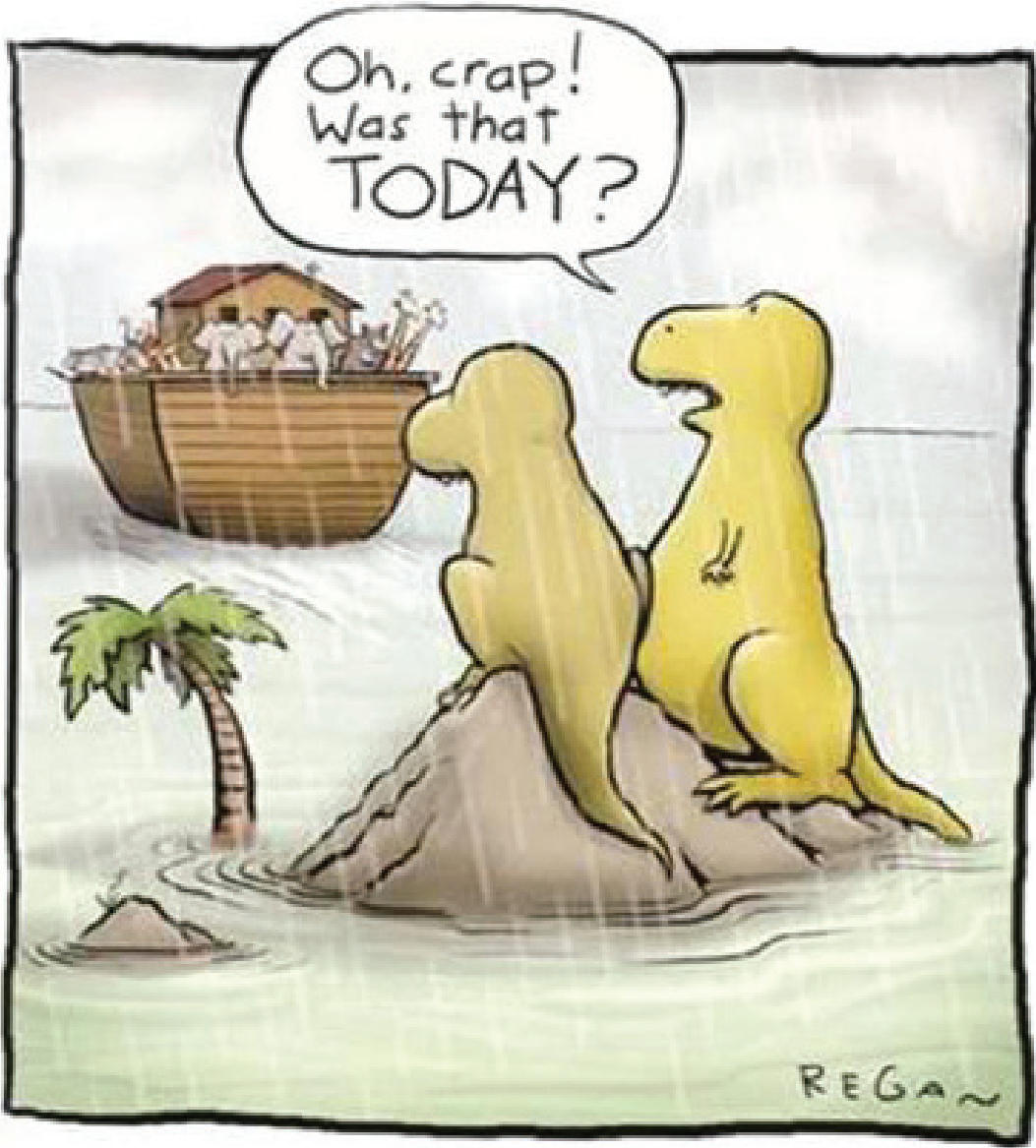


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Procrastinators often find themselves saying the same thing.

Stop procrastinating

Studies prove that all-nighters and the stress caused from procrastination is bad for your health

AMINA CHINNELL
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

I think college is a wonderful place to manage times of leisure and play while also being a student.

I think both actually are crucial if a student wants to maintain their sanity when it seems that school often catches up with us. But I have friends who like to juggle both — exactly sure how they’re going to do so.

And while they might recognize they are first a student and secondly a gamer, they haven’t quite gotten the whole time management thing down very well.

As I looked for an example for this article I couldn’t help wonder just how a lack of time management affects college students in a variety of ways.

In an article in the Seattle Post-Intelligence that talked about its influence, the study said “about 25 percent of students become chronic procrastinators,” the University at Buffalo’s counseling office said.

Such behaviors have many root causes, including fear of failure, lack of motivation and uncertain priorities that can make you feel more inclined to hang out with friends.

This is a powerful statistic

because the reality is more college students are trying to figure out where their loyalties lie. I don’t think all students who prefer hanging out with friends are guilty of this per se. But I do think it is something to consider when things don’t seem to be getting done at the rate they should be.

The danger with the lack of time management then becomes a lack of performance and drive to do well in school. It’s my hope that many of us are to be students first.

While I have my own moments of procrastination and a drive to do anything but homework, I also have to recognize when those things aren’t getting done.

Besides a potential downfall in academic performance, a lack of effective time management can impact one’s sleep and increase a student’s vulnerability to self-induced insomnia. A lack of sleep cheats one’s body of being able to fully grasp and hold onto valuable information. This is something I have learned about pulling all-nighters.

As the verdict comes in, it’s important to know that sleep is more important, and I actually don’t know as much as I thought I did. I am not only less prepared but also a whole lot less aware

than before.

As a minority at UND, I also have added stress if this lack of time management ends up creeping up in my life.

According to the Education Trust, 40 percent of African-American and 49 percent of Hispanic-American students nationwide get a bachelor’s degree within six years of starting college, versus 60 percent of white students. The article by the Education Trust talks about how 16 percent of that is due to a lack of proper time management and skill setting. I do not think all students do this, nor am I am implying all minority students do.

Research shows having a lack of time management greatly hinders our practice to do well as students. I would encourage those who read to try and find ways to start implement this practice now.

Proper time management is not only beneficial, it’s a necessity in the fast-paced, busy lives we all live as university students.

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she was considering filing a lawsuit over the fact that she was not considered for the position, while a male candidate with similar experience was.



Lindquist

Lindquist earned bachelor's degrees from UND in Indian Studies and English in 1981, as well as a doctorate in educational leadership from the university in 2006. She was awarded an alumni achievement award from UND in 2012.

Shirley, current president of Minot State, also is a graduate of UND, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business, an MBA and a doctorate in teaching and learning. He is originally from Fargo.

"I was highly impressed with the level of experience that these individuals brought to our search and the specific qualifications each one has to meet the needs of our students and build our campus legacy into the future," UND Presidential Search Committee Co-Chairman Hesham El-Rewini said in a statement. "We look forward to each candidate visiting our university to meet our faculty, staff, students and community members. These visits will be essential in showcasing our beautiful campus and engaging our various constituents in the process."

The seven candidates selected from the interviews in the Twin Cities will visit UND for the next round of interviews. Their visits will be scheduled between Feb. 11 and March 3.

"As we progress through the next phase of this search we are confident that we will discover who will be the best fit to serve the campus and community."

Grant Shaft
committee co-chairman



During their visits, they will meet with the search committee as well as other university constituencies.

After the semifinalists visit campus, the search committee will solicit feedback from the UND community in order to gain further input from students, faculty and staff. The search committee's final meeting will be March 7, at which point it will recommend a small group of finalists to the State Board of Higher Education.

The SBHE is scheduled to make the final decision on March 15. The selected candidate will take over as president before Interim President Ed Schafer's term is finished at the end of June.

Overall, the committee seemed optimistic about the results of the search so far.

"We are pleased with the wealth of experience embodied by the candidates of this presidential search," UND Presidential Search Committee Co-Chairman Grant Shaft said in a statement. "As we progress through the next phase of this search we are confident that we will discover who will be the best fit to serve the campus and community."

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Hawks spending the weekend Gopher hunting

UND heads to Minneapolis to face No. 3 Minnesota in a pivotal WCHA series



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UND coach Brian Idalski coaching his players before the weekend series against Minnesota.

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The UND women's hockey team travels to Minneapolis this weekend to take on the University of Minnesota.

When the Gophers and Fighting Hawks last met in October, they split their two matches in Grand Forks.

UND versus Minnesota is always a matchup that is circled on the calendar, but it's especially true when both teams are having good seasons.

Coming into the match-up, both teams are nationally ranked with the Fighting Hawks ranked No. 8 and the

Gophers ranked No. 3.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, the Gophers roll into the series with a full head of steam. Minnesota has won nine straight games and have the second highest scoring offense in the nation.

Playing in Minneapolis will pose a very difficult challenge for UND. The Fighting Hawks have only come back from Minneapolis victorious two times in the last five seasons. As is the case most seasons, the Gophers play very well on home ice. This does not intimidate the Fighting Hawks though.

"Confidence-wise, there is nobody that we fear in the whole country," UND coach Brian Idalski said. "We've proven we can play

with anyone, top to bottom."

The Hawks have not lost a game this season when playing on Friday. On the other side, the Gophers have yet to lose a game on home ice this season, boasting a 12-0 record.

One of these trends needs to end.

A trio of UND forwards, senior Meghan Dufault, senior Becca Kohler and junior Amy Menke, have all been having phenomenal years. The three Hawks have combined for 76 points and are a combined + 29 in the +/- category. They have been creating havoc for other teams trying to defend them and will have to continue their high level of play to beat the Go-

phers and their potent offense.

Since the schools last matchup, things have changed for the Fighting Hawks. They now use four lines instead of three, which all the other teams in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association also use. This allows for more rest in between shifts and keeps players fresh for the end of the game.

Last weekend, UND hosted Minnesota State University Mankato. The Fighting Hawks won the first, then took the Mavericks to overtime and won in a shootout, earning very important points.

As with last weekend, this weekend will be very important for the Fighting Hawks. Not only are they taking on their long-time rival, but a win or two against the Gophers would be huge for UND in the PairWise rankings.

With only four more games, after this weekend, the Fighting Hawks will be looking to get as many points as they can to improve their playoff positioning. They are currently one spot away from a bid to the NCAA national tournament.

"You have to take it game by game," Idalski said. "Most importantly for us, we have to get healthy, we have a couple kids banged up."

When UND is healthy, it is a very strong team that could make some noise at the national tournament.

Puck drop is at 6:07 p.m., Friday night in Minneapolis at Ridder Arena and 4:07 p.m. Saturday.

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Enjoying the ride one game at a time

Meghan Dufault leads the Fighting Hawks through a tough schedule in her senior season



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(Above) UND forward Meghan Dufault anticipates a pass from Marissa Salo in preperation for the Gophers. (Below) Dufault takes a shot during practice.

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With the regular season winding down and teams gearing up to compete at a post-season level, UND forward Meghan Dufault, who was the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week, was able to provide insight on seasons past and goals for the seasons to come after her reign as senior here at UND comes to an end.

So what makes a team a post-season contender? Consistency. “We need to be more consistent,” Dufault said. “We have proven that we can beat the best teams, but we have also showed we can play down to our opponents. We need to take every game seriously and play like we are playing against Wisconsin or Minnesota.” Without a doubt, the Fighting Hawks have an entire team that can contribute to any post-season success, with Dufault being the leader of the squad. Her consistent skill level and

contributions to the team this season have been crucial, and as of late she has shown that she is a force to be reckoned with. Still, by pushing the limits, Dufault looks to break the streak of landing in eighth place this year. “All four years that I had been here, our team has seemed to finish in the same ranking year after year, so it is motivation to push that eighth place ranking and make the national tournament,” Dufault said. “I am also motivated by my

“I have one tip for the freshmen. It’s slow down and enjoy the people you are surrounded by. After your four years, it is likely for everyone to go their separate ways.”

Meghan Dufault
UND senior forward

teammates. We are at the rink everyday together and spend lots of time working together so it’s them I try to do my best and help our team win for.” With a graduating class of eight seniors, the remaining players in the Hawks locker room will have some hefty shoes to fill. While the experience of a four year athletic career cannot be recreated by simply talking about it, Dufault finds solace in the fact that she can pass on the wisdom of what those years taught her. “I was told as a freshman that the four years fly by. I didn’t believe it till now,” Dufault said. “These past four years have gone by so fast and I have one tip for the freshmen. It’s slow down and enjoy the people you are

surrounded by. After your four years, it is likely for everyone to go their separate ways.” It’s safe to say the experience of a college athlete is different than for most students. There are higher expectations, tighter schedules and a commitment to an entire team day-in and day-out, and all of this is just a test to further prepare these

students for life after graduation. Most athletes keep to their sport, but for Meghan Dufault the future looks even bigger after returning to her hometown of Winnipeg. Dufault looks to trade in those long nights of practicing hockey for practicing law with hopes of getting into the law school at the University of Manitoba this Fall. As the final weeks of her senior year pass by, there are high hopes and tough preparation for the weeks to come for Dufault and the rest of the Fighting Hawks. UND will face off against WCHA rival Minnesota. Friday’s game will begin at 6:07 p.m., and Saturday’s will start at 4:07 p.m., both in Minneapolis.

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Schedule	W HOCKEY	M BASKETBALL	W BASKETBALL	M TENNIS
	UND @ MINNESOTA 6:07 p.m. 2/5 UoM	UND VS. WEBER ST. 2 p.m. 2/6 UND	UND @ WEBER ST. 3 p.m. 2/6 OGDEN, UTAH	UND VS N. COLO. 9 a.m. 2/7 UND